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NOVEMBER 9, 1976

KABUL FOR VANCE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT: QUOTE

I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UN FUND,  
AND WITH THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE. THIS PROGRESS,  
HOWEVER, HAS BEEN MADE UNDER THE MOST DIFFICULT OF  
CIRCUMSTANCES BECAUSE THERE SEEMS TO BE A LACK OF  
COOPERATION BY MANY NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN ADDRESSING  
THE MOUNTING PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE. SOME OF THE MORE  
PROSPEROUS NATIONS HAVE CUT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
FUND SUBSTANTIALLY WHILE OTHER OF THE NATIONS WHO  
SHOULD BE INVOLVED HAVE NOT CONTRIBUTED AT ALL.

2. IN MANY CASES THIS HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED BY SUCH  
NATIONS TO INTERNAL ECONOMIC PRIORITIES. HOWEVER,  
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IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS

TRAFFIC IS NOT SOLELY A PROBLEM OF THE UNITED STATES. IN FACT THE UNITED STATES PRODUCES NO NARCOTIC RAW MATERIALS AT ALL. NARCOTICS TRAFFIC IS CLOSELY TIED TO INTERNATIONAL CRIME AND MORAL DECAY AND THEREFORE NATIONS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE UN FUND OR CONTRIBUTE IN SOME TOKEN FASHION OR DISPLAY A PERMISSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THIS ILLICIT ACTIVITY ARE OPENLY INVITING THE CONTAGION OF THIS DISEASE TO SPREAD TO THEIR SHORES.

3. WE FIND THAT THE HAWKS AND DOVES OF THE VIETNAM ERA ARE BEING REPLACED BY THE OSTRICHES OF THE DRUG WAR WHO FAILS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THEY THEMSELVES ARE TODAY EXPERIENCING A PROBLEM THAT IS GROWING IN SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTIONS.

4. IT HAS BEEN FELT IN PAST YEARS THAT THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE WAS AN AMERICAN PROBLEM AND UP TO THE UNITED STATES TO SOLVE. CONSEQUENCES OF THE US DRUG PROBLEM WITH ITS ATTENDANT INCREASE IN CRIME, NOW REACHING \$17 BILLION IN THE US, HAVE REACHED INTO MANY CAPITALS OF EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT THEIRS IS ONLY A BEGINNING. WHEN I SPOKE OF CONTAGION A MOMENT AGO I CHOSE THE WORD CAREFULLY BECAUSE NARCOTICS THREATEN JUST LIKE A WAR OR PLAGUE.

5. WE THEREFORE CALL UPON THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD TO JOIN IN THE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS FOR THE UN PROVIDES A VEHICLE THAT CANNOT POSSIBLY BE REPLACED IN A UNILATERAL OR BILATERAL FASHION.

6. A SPECIFIC TARGET AREA AS A SOURCE OF CONCERN IS NOW THE AREA OF THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE (BURMA, LAOS AND THAILAND), WHERE INITIAL EFFORTS OF THE UN CAN BE USED AS MODELS FOR FUTURE EXPANSION, BUT ONLY IF WE SECURE THE COOPERATION OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND ONLY IF HEADS OF STATE TAKE A SIMILAR INTEREST IN NARCOTICS AS THERE IS IN ANY OTHER DISEASE SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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7. I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT TURKISH EFFORTS TO CONTROL OPIUM POPPY HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE, BUT I HAVE GRAVE CONCERN OVER AN OVER-SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIAL FOR OPIATES ON A WORLD WIDE BASIS, AND THIS CONCERN IS THAT QUANTITIES MIGHT FIND THEIR WAY INTO THE ILLICIT MARKET.

8. I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE NEW UNITED NATIONS AGREEMENT WITH BURMA BUT I AM ALSO APPREHENSIVE OF THE ABILITY

TO MAKE ANY REAL IMPACT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF ILLICIT OPIUM FROM BURMA UNLESS THERE IS CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THE PRODUCTION AREAS OF BURMA WHICH ARE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

9. THAILAND, AS WELL, IS AN AREA OF CONCERN FOR IT IS THROUGH THAILAND THAT MOST OF BURMA'S TRAFFIC IS ROUTED. AFGHANISTAN, WHICH IS A COUNTRY TO WHICH WE WILL TRAVEL, IS ANOTHER SOURCE OF GREAT CONCERN SINCE AFGHANISTAN OPIUM IS FINDING ITS WAY TO IRAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

10. PAKISTAN, AS WELL, IS A PROBLEM AREA FOR HERE, AGAIN, THERE ARE PARTS OF THE COUNTRY NOT UNDER CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTROL WHICH PRODUCE ILLICIT OPIUM.

11. MAJOR CONCERNS SHOULD BE EXPRESSED THAT NEITHER THE USSR NOR THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAVE JOINED THE WORLD EFFORT TO REDUCE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. IF THESE NATIONS, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE VOICED HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS, REALLY MEAN WHAT THEY SAY THEN THEY SHOULD BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF ACTIVITY HELPING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SOLVE THIS PROBLEM OF ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC AND ABUSE WHICH NOW PLAGUES MANY NATIONS OF THE DEVELOPED AS WELL AS DEVELOPING WORLDS.

12. WE WILL NOW TRAVEL TO GERMANY, WHICH IS A COUNTRY WITH A MARKED INCREASE IN ITS ADDICT POPULATION, TO SEE HOW THIS MIGHT AFFECT OUR NATO FORCES, KEEPING IN MIND THE DIFFICULTIES OF VIETNAM WHICH RESULTED FROM THE WIDE AVAILABILITY OF HEROIN, AND THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCE IT EXERTED ON OUR MILITARY. END QUOTECATTO

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